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EMBARGO REPEAL

1. THE EVENING OF AUGUST 15 THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE ON LIFTING THE EMBARGO.(UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION)

2. BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE. THE FINAL FORMULATION OF THE TEXT OF THE
U.S. CONGRESS' DECISION, WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE AMENDEMENTS IT
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INCLUDED, NEUTRALIZES TO A LARGE EXTENT THE DANGERS WHICH
WOULD HAVE EXISTED IF THE EMBARGO HAD BEEN LIFTED UNCONDITIONALLY.
AND SPECIFICALLY: WITH REGARD TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE, THE CONGRESS
DETERMINED, WITH MANY AND CLEAR PROVISIONS WHICH CONCERN ALL THE
VITAL POINTS OF THE SUBJECT, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL
CONTINUOUSLY OBSERVE THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE SEARCH FOR
A JUST SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM AND WILL DETERMINE ACCORDINGLY

ITS POLICY TOWARDS TURKEY WITH RESPECT TO AID.
WITH REGARD TO GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, ON THE OTHER HAND,
THE U.S. CONGRESS DECIDED THAT:

1) MILITARY AID TO GREECE AND TURKEY WILL BE GRANTED
ONLY FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES AND WILL BE PROGRAMMED IN A MANNER
SO AS NOT TO DISTURB THE EXISTING MILITARY BALANCE OF POWER
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2) THE U.S.A. WILL SUPPORT THE SETTLEMENT OF GREEK-
TURKISH DIFFERENCES BY PEACEFUL PROCEDURES, INTERNATIONALLY
ESTABLISHED, AND WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT FOR THE
SOLUTION OF THESE DIFFERENCES BY FORCE OR THE THREAT OF FORCE.

OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IS THE PROVISION ACCORDING TO WHICH
THE PRESIDENT IS OBLIGED, WHEN PROPOSING MILITARY AID TO GREECE
AND TO TURKEY, TO SUBMIT AT THE SAME TIME THE JUSTIFIED
ASSURANCE THAT THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S.
CONGRESS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.

IT IS EVIDENT THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT
TO THE PROBLEMS IN OUR REGION WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE
MANNER IN WHICH THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH
THE CONGRESS DECIDED TO LIFT THE EMBARGO, ARE IMPLEMENTED.
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